

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are all the claims pending in the application. This Amendment adds claims 13 and 14.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to acknowledge Applicant's claim to priority and the Examiner's receipt of the certified priority document filed on January 30, 2001.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for initialing the references listed on form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement filed on November 20, 2001, January 30, 2001, and June 5, 2003.

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Applicant has corrected a typographical error on page 7, line 18 of the specification (see Amendment to Specification, page 2).

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tappura et al (EP 0,888,005A2). Applicant traverses the rejection and requests reconsideration.

Applicant submits that claim 1 discloses the formation of a first image ("displayed image") which is then projected onto a reflecting surface to form a second image at an enlarged scale with respect to the first image ("a reflecting member for reflecting said light rays of said displayed image at an enlarged scale"). Tappura discloses a projection means where the light beams are scanned onto a display screen to form the "first" image (see col. 7, lines 30-34). Tappura does not, however, disclose or suggest the formation of a second image from the first image. Therefore, Applicant submits that the Examiner's assertion that Tappura discloses all elements of the claimed combination is incorrect.

Because Claims 2-8 depend from independent claim 1, Applicant believes that these claims are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependency. They further distinguish by reason of the additional limitations set forth therein.

For example, claim 6 recites the feature of “wherein said display device is mounted on said casing.” Applicant submits that the display device of Tappura (light sources 9a, 9b, and 9c) is mounted on the fixing arm 3 (see Fig 1a) not on casing 2 as the Examiner asserts.

Claim 8 recites the feature of “wherein said display device is mounted on said lid.” Applicant submits that the flat lid 5 referred to in the Examiner’s comments is actually the display screen of the Tappura invention and the display device itself (light sources 9a, 9b, and 9c) is still mounted on the fixing arm 3.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 9-12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has rewritten claim 9 in independent form. Please note that Applicant has amended some of the original language in claim 9 (and the original base claim 1) to more particularity point out the invention. Because claims 10-12 now depend from an independent claim 9, Applicant believes claims 9-12 are in condition for allowance.


NEW CLAIMS

By this Amendment, Applicant has added new independent claims 13 and 14. Applicant submits that these claims are patentable based on the combination of features recited therein.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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